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From the President CAPT MARIE SENZIG NC USN (RET.)



Happy Spring and Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

This is the first newsletter of 2017 so I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that 2017 is off to a healthy start.

Our next chapter event will be Thursday March 16th at the New Bern Country Golf and Country Club. Our State Council President, **CAPT Douglas Ehrhardt USN (Ret.)** will install our new Officers and Board Members followed by remarks from the State President. He will have information on our September State Convention.

Welcome to new members **COL John Bateman USMC (Ret.)** and his wife Gail. We look forward to getting to know them at upcoming chapter functions. Please make them feel welcome and say hello at our next dinner meeting.

I want to encourage all of you to be active members in our chapter! Whether that means

recruiting new members (direct them to ccmoaa.org for our application), or *paying for a MOAA leadership Medal, \$ 5.99 each for one of our Severn JROTC unit Leadership Medal recipients (the Medals are now purchased by the Chapters, not National), or subsidizing dinner for one of our five MOAA Scholarship winners at our upcoming May dinner.*

With our declining membership due to age or geographic moves we have less operating capital to pay for 15 extra meals for the scholarship dinner (recipient and 2 guests) or to purchase seven MOAA Leadership Medals.

There are many other ways to be involved. You can participate in the Memorial Day ceremony at the New Bern National Cemetery or help with the Purple Heart Dinner in August, assist with the Craven County Veterans Stand Down in September.

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Participating in the Morehead City **Veterans Day Parade** with our Chapter, see wreaths for the December 16th **Wreaths Across America Ceremony** at the **New Bern National Cemetery** or visit the veterans at the State **Veterans Home in Kinston**.

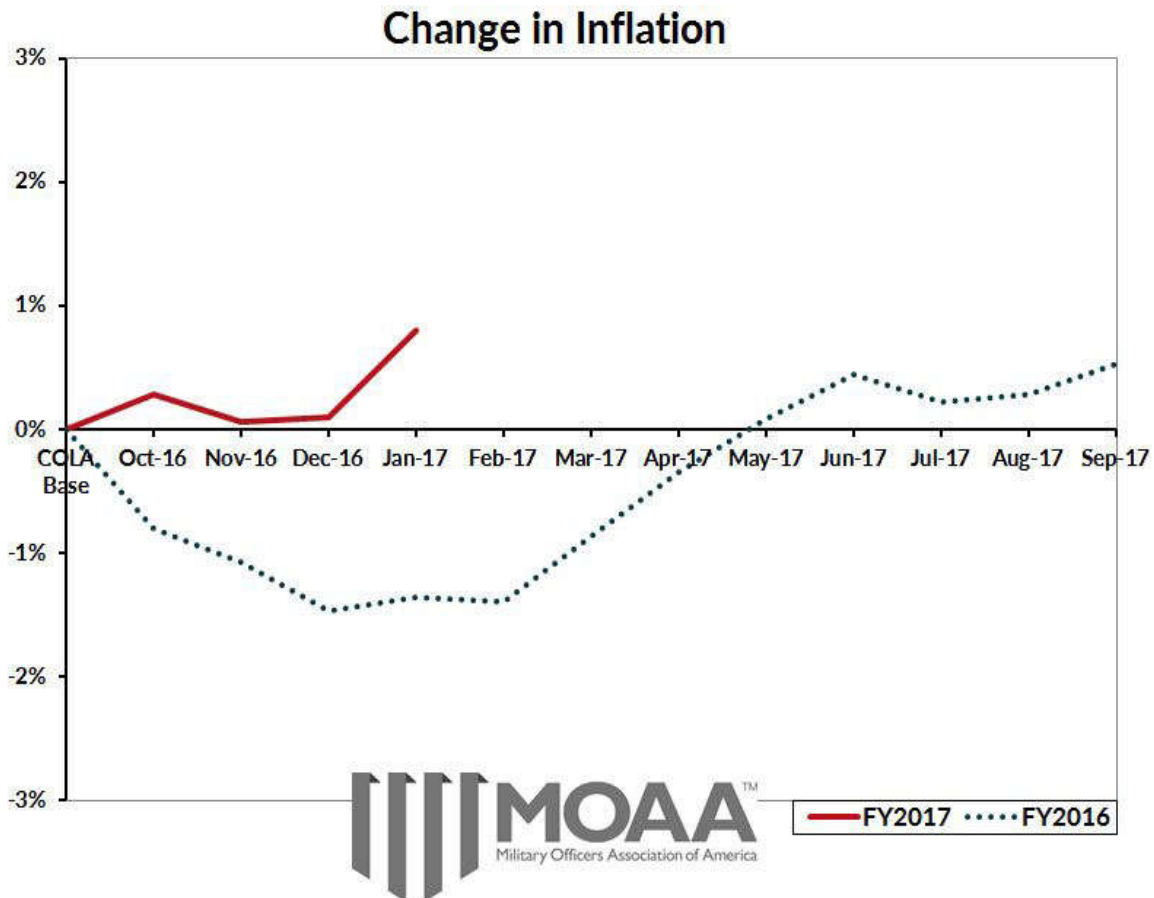
Our Chapter is involved in all these

events so please contact a board member and come out to participate starting with our dinner in March. Please call and offer a ride to those members/auxiliary members who no longer drive. Please reverse the recent trend of Board members and spouses making up the majority of participants at dinner meetings.

COLA WATCH

The CPI for February 2017 is scheduled to be released on March 15, 2017.

Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere.



WREATHS across AMERICA



Many of the area military organizations are going to partner this year in an attempt to place a wreath at each of the 7500 headstones at the New Bern National Cemetery. **American Legion Post 539** has spearheaded this effort in recent years but is looking to enlist more organizations to increase the number of headstones covered with a wreath for the holidays. Last year **AL Post 539** laid over 800 wreaths. We are registered on the website and once we have the paperwork we will include a purchase form in the next newsletter with more information.

What can you do to help Coastal Carolina Chapter

With our declining membership due to age or geographic moves we have less operating capital to meet chapter obligations.

- Pay for 15 extra meals for the scholarship dinner (recipient and 2 guests)
- Purchase seven MOAA Leadership Medals.
- Purchase (4) \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift Card, for annual Craven County Veterans Stand Down.
- Donate to our Chapter Scholarship Fund.

We would appreciate any help with subsidizing any of the above expenses.

If you are unable to assist financially recruiting new members will also increase operating capital.

So lets get out there and get some new members!!

Toys for Tots Luncheon



**Major Dan Walczak USMC
(Ret.), COL David Skaggs USA
(Ret.), Mary Skaggs,
2LT Nancy Uhland USA
Debbie Walczak**

**L-R: Gertie Younger
Col Ron Davia USMC (Ret.)
Marie Schwab
Lisa Davia
Joan Davia
Mary McCaffrey
Not pictured
Col Al Younger USMC (Ret.)
Dee Culler**



**Capt Alva Windham
USMC (Ret.)
Judy Windham
Guest squadron
Commanders
MCAS Cherry Point**



Kinston State Veterans Home Visit

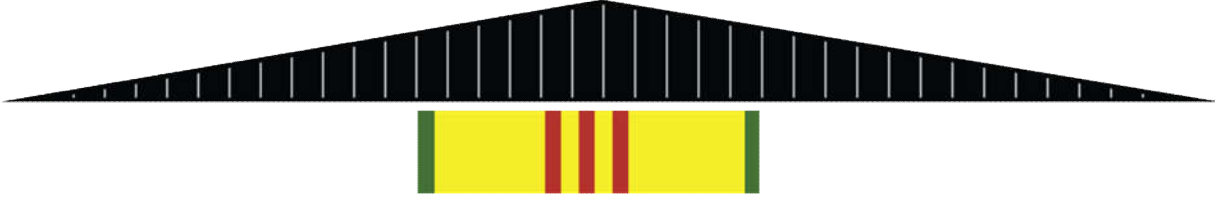


Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point Staff visited with Veterans Home Resident 98 year old **Issac Pope**, Survivor of Normandy Day invasion and the Battle of the Bulge.

Naval Health Clinic Cherry Point Staff and CCMOA presents Kinston Veterans Home with 100 shoe boxes and supplies for resident Christmas Gifts Food items for the canteen were included



Vietnam Traveling Wall



THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®

May 26 - May 30, 2017

Glad Tidings Church

4621 Country Club Road

Morehead City, NC

(Across from High School)

Sponsored By: **Otway Burns Chapter of DAR**

Health Care Legislative Update

As the leading advocate for military personnel, retirees, and veterans and their families, MOAA joined the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States this week to share our vision of what the future of health care should look and feel like for beneficiaries. Understanding the future evolution of military health care is an important undertaking, and MOAA offered the perspective of the Military Health System's most critical stakeholders: beneficiaries. "Beneficiaries in the future will be increasingly consumer-centric, using health technology more," said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), "and they will be interested in new technologies to support health care in the home or in their workplace, for example, telemedicine and remote-patient monitoring."

The future health care system will be, and must be, built on the present. The recent passing of the FY 2017 defense act provides our military with a comprehensive and modernized health benefit plan, which supports both medical readiness and beneficiary care. The changes scheduled to be

implemented represent a large-scale systemic transformation. Atkins noted that, in many respects, these changes were much-needed, and many have been long sought by both MOAA and its partners in The Military Coalition. From the perspective of the beneficiary, MOAA sees a future system where health care providers collaborate to create a coherent beneficiary experience. Providers will have the flexibility and incentives to innovate and will be rewarded for quality outcomes that reduce costs in the long run. In this system, beneficiaries are actively engaged in their health care decisions and they can easily use their technology for access when, where, and how they want it."

When we focus on medical care in the future, it always needs to be through the beneficiary's lense," said Atkins. "What matters to the beneficiary is access, quality, continuity, the referral process and the associated fee structure. Other industries are proof that a beneficiary-centric approach works. Culture and leadership have the ability to change."



You are cordially invited to our March Installation of Officers and Board of Directors
 Dinner at the
 New Bern Golf and Country Club
Thursday, 16, March 2017.

Attire for this event: Business

Cocktail Social at 1730

Dinner Served at 1830

Menu

Sauteed Beef Tips, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Green Beans, Plated House Salad. Dinner Rolls
 and Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

Cost is \$27.00 per person. All Taxes & Gratuities Included;

Reservations for this event are requested by Monday March 13, 2017

Contact **Iggi Husar** with cancellations NLT 48 hours prior to 13 March 2017

(252) 676-0088

iggihusar@outlook.com

Installation of Officers and Board of Directors

Name(s) of members and guests _____

Telephone No. _____

E-Mail Address _____

Check enclosed for _____ (\$27.00 per person). Make checks payable to CC/MOA.

**Mail to: COL Iggi Husar
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 Trent Woods, NC 28562**

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 Chapter for 2012, 2013, 2014
 and 2015*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
March 17th - 18th		Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting Greensboro, NC	
May 22, 2017	1730	Scholarship Dinner The Flame, New Bern, NC	coat & Tie